



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - February 13, 2002**

- ***In the West***, warm weather in winter agricultural areas of ***California and Arizona*** is promoting vegetable and small grain development. Meanwhile, many high-elevation locations throughout the ***West*** are in need of a resurgence of cold-season snowfall to prevent water-supply problems next summer.
- ***On the Plains***, mild, dry weather favors dormant or semi-dormant winter wheat across the ***southern half of the region***, following recent beneficial precipitation. In contrast, mild, breezy conditions from ***western Nebraska to Montana*** are further stressing wheat, which continues to suffer from the effects of drought, soil erosion, and a minimal snow cover.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool, breezy weather is starting to freeze previously muddy fields and feedlots.
- ***In the South***, rain showers are developing across the ***eastern Gulf Coast region***. Elsewhere in the ***South***, mild, dry weather favors pasture and winter grain development, although drought and water-supply concerns persist in the ***Atlantic Coast States***.

**Outlook:** A tranquil weather pattern is expected nearly nationwide for the remainder of the week. Light precipitation will be confined to the ***East and Northwest***, while cool, breezy conditions will be restricted to the ***South and East***. Persistently mild, breezy weather will continue across the ***northern Plains and upper Midwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for February 18-22 calls for near- to above-normal temperatures and precipitation from the ***Plains to the East Coast***. Significant precipitation (rain and snow) is especially likely across the ***Midwest***. In the ***West***, cool weather and heavy high-elevation snowfall is forecast from the ***Cascades to the northern Rockies***, but only light precipitation is expected elsewhere.

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